

American Nation Prominently 'Dry'

Liquorless Era Greeted in Broadway Cafes With Little Ceremony; Few Farewell Parties

Church Bells Ring In Joyous Acclaim

Persons of Many Creeds Gather in Hempstead at Service of Thanksgiving

Demon Rum, who has had more funerals of late than even the most robust cat could expect, had the last and positively final obsequies said over his bier along Broadway last night. The ceremony was as dolorous as even the most mournful could ask. In fact, the occasion was so gloomy that there was scarcely any ceremony at all.

The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution slipped into the history of the United States at one minute after midnight this morning.

A pall of snow covered the once Gay White Way as it gave up the spirits for good and all. The usual theater crowd ducked through whirling clouds of flakes across streets and into lobbies or subway stations. Their shiverings were more painful because of the thought that hereafter there would be only heat to warm them.

Neither theaters nor restaurants showed any unusual number of patrons and those who were there evidently were too depressed to lighten John Barleycorn's passing with overmuch feasting, drinking or song.

Some Farewell Parties

In a few places special farewell supper parties had been planned, with all of the trappings of mourning and whatever liquor the diners were able to bring with them. These gatherings assumed a forced air of hilarity, but most of the restaurant patrons seemed to prefer to sit alone and listen to the keening of the wind outside.

None of the hostilities were overworked and some were half deserted. Few reservations were made for tables in advance and no extra charge was made for nights, as is usually the custom on gala nights. This was in anything but a staid mood.

At midnight funeral waiters passed by the tables and announced hollowly that no one could drink hard liquor from then on. Having done their duty into the new year, they gloomily allowed the diners to do as they chose. Many of them chose to go home.

Hempstead, L. I., is a pretty long way from Broadway, and the church celebration of the occasion there was an antithesis of the affairs in the bright light section. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union issued a call for the service, and the Presbyterian church to meet from morning until prohibition became a fact.

If they had taken that call literally, they would still be in the church, for they were content to break up about half past twelve this morning.

There was a practical tone about the service in the Hempstead Presbyterian Church. Speakers exhorted the voters there to demand that their representatives in the state Assembly pass a stringent law, something along the lines of the Volstead act, which would reinforce the Volstead act.

Appeal to Churchgoers

The invitations to the gathering at the church were headed:

"Let the church bells ring and let there be no rejoicing, for an enemy of the counter-revolution is in the city. The counter-revolution has been overthrown and victory crowns the efforts of the forces of righteousness. Let us see that no other liquor interests shall ever again be able to bring ruin to the nation. Let us see that the Volstead act is reinforced by the Constitution of the United States."

The prayer that began at midnight ended when the church bells began to ring. But there were no church bells and no church in Hempstead and elsewhere in the land, in whose ears those bells echoed altogether dimly.

Few Hours of Grace

There was no effort made to enforce the Volstead act in its stringent and more personal enforcement in the early hours of the day and no such enforcement is expected until a supervising prohibition agent has been appointed for the district that includes New York City, Long Island, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

And after he has been appointed, he will have to bring into existence first an organization and then a frame of mind. After that, he will have to wait for a few years to get new laws and then for John Doe, forty-six, of Barclay Street, Boulevard, was fined \$500 for selling a drink for six months and for violating the prohibition law, in that he did not, voluntarily and unlawfully, take a drink from a bottle of cognac spirits while trying to hide behind the storm doors in the public library.

The same editions of the newspapers may then continue a story about the departure of Richard Roe for a five-year tour in Sing Sing for having sold a pint of kitchen-made rum to his next-door neighbor.

In anticipation of some such thing as a Shevlin, aged forty, who lives in Queens Borough, has been clearing out his desk in the city hall. He is the head of the alien and delinquent division of the revenue department, and Colonel Daniel L. Porter, supervising internal revenue agent, who is temporarily charged with enforcement of constitutional prohibition but without adequate force to accomplish his duty, believes that Mr. Shevlin will be appointed to this district.

Colonel Porter said yesterday that the police are just as responsible under

Court Sought Official Deals In I.R.T. Stock

Special Grand Jury Had "Tip" That Mayor and District Attorney Played Market Short

Thirty Brokers Are Questioned

McQuaid and Talley File Affidavits Denying Any Such Sales Were Found

Justice Barlow S. Weeks, of the extraordinary criminal trial term of the Supreme court, personally directed an investigation of reports that public officials, including Mayor Hylan and District Attorney Swann, traded in Interborough Rapid Transit Company stocks and bonds, according to documents filed in Justice Weeks' court yesterday.

The investigation, made by William A. McQuaid, Assistant District Attorney, under Justice Weeks' direction, continued from November 5 to November 24 last, according to affidavits filed by Mr. McQuaid and Chief Assistant District Attorney Alfred J. Talley. It was prompted, it was said, by anonymous letters to Raymond P. Almiral, Jr., Justice Weeks' chief clerk, and public officials had been selling Interborough securities short prior to the charges of fare increase conspiracy made by Mayor Hylan.

In certain quarters this inquiry was looked upon last night as being what the grand jury had in mind when it called attention to the increasing number of German military officers appearing with the Carranza army in Mexico. These officers in most cases wear their own uniforms, although they bedeck themselves with Mexican insignia, according to the information.

Affidavits Produced

On November 21 the Almiral jury, in a presentment to Justice Weeks, said that the Mayor's Interborough conspiracy allegations, recently dismissed by the panel, could not be taken into account in a thorough inquiry into their "origin and causative processes" had been made. The presentment added that the pursuit of such facts was the duty of the District Attorney and charged reasonable ground for belief of "wilful and corrupt misconduct" in office by public officials.

This week there have been 291 influenza cases and 417 pneumonia cases. Since Monday there have been nine deaths from influenza and 216 from pneumonia.

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First Arrests Made Under Prohibition Law

Brooklyn Saloon Owner and His Bartender Taken Shortly After Midnight Hour

The first arrests in greater New York for violation of constitutional prohibition were made shortly after midnight on January 16, by Mr. Swann, the District Attorney, who called attention to the fact that McQuaid had not reported to him the Wall Street raid, nor the arrest of the saloon owner and bartender.

"I assume that in all this you are acting as an individual citizen and not in your judicial, as, of course, the District Attorney just does not provide for judge-investigator-prosecutor."

Mr. Swann's letter follows in part: "When you asked for the services of Mr. William A. McQuaid, one of the first Assistant District Attorneys, I assumed you were referring to the case of the saloon owner and bartender, which I learned later that you were sending him around from office to office among the stock brokers of Wall Street, examining their records in an effort to discover any transaction of trading in stock by the District Attorney or by the Mayor, whose charge against the Interborough Rapid Transit Company was the strike of their employees as a part of their propaganda to force an 8 cent fare upon the public, was pending before the grand jury."

At no time while Mr. McQuaid was acting under my direction did he report to me, but only to you. While you were making this investigation in Wall Street, against the public officials who were presenting the evidence against me, I was holding numerous private conferences with Mr. Almiral, of the extraordinary grand jury, without the presence of the District Attorney, and without the presence of any other member of the grand jury, and without forward disclosing the substance or subject-matter of the conferences, the throuman was making indirect charges of an "overshadowing crime" against the Mayor and the District Attorney, while the charges against the Interborough were before the grand jury.

Inquiry Was Pending

"Why these things were done, while the charges against the Interborough were pending, is in the exclusive knowledge of those by whom they were done."

"I called your attention to the following facts: (1) That the foreman of the grand jury had formally been under retainer at \$500 a month for three years by one of the chief subsidiary companies of the Interborough, 98 per cent of whose stock

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Allies Partly Lift Blockade of Russia, League of Nations Formally Launched in Paris

Holland Expected to Refuse To Deliver Ex-Kaiser to Allies

PARIS, Jan. 15.—The Supreme Council to-day approved the text of a letter to the Dutch government asking for the extradition of the former German Emperor.

The general expectation in French circles is that Holland will refuse to deliver the former monarch.

It is pointed out in Supreme Council circles that in case the Dutch government is disinclined to deliver Count Hohenzollern it has a foundation for its resistance in the fact that the offenses named in the peace treaty, namely, "crimes against international morality and the sacredness of treaties," are not provided for in Dutch laws nor in the treaties between Holland and the Allied powers regarding extradition.

At the same time the Supreme Council approved the text of a letter to Germany demanding the surrender of those guilty of war crimes, as provided for in the peace treaty.

German Army Officers Flock To Carranzistas

Joining Mexican Forces in Increasing Numbers, Wit- ness Tells Fall Senate Investigating Committee

By Wilbur Forrest

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 16.—A secret witness before the Fall Senate committee, holding sessions here to investigate the Mexican situation, to-day called attention to the increasing number of German military officers appearing with the Carranza army in Mexico. These officers in most cases wear their own uniforms, although they bedeck themselves with Mexican insignia, according to the information.

Adjournment to Meet in London Said to Indi- cate Intention to Wait Upon Action of U. S.

Fiery Protest Is Filed by Ireland

First Official Act Is to Name Commission to Settle Saar Frontier

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PARIS, Jan. 16.—The league of nations, heralded in the midst of the war by President Wilson as the object to be sought when peace was attained, was formally launched to-day by the executive council of the league in the historic Clock Room of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Representatives of France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Spain, Greece, Portugal and Brazil, members of the council of the league, were present. Precisely at 10:30 Leon Bourgeois declared the meeting formally opened.

Republican Conferees Insist Democrats Surrender on Big Issue for Settlement at Bipartisan Parley To-day

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The reply of the Republicans in the Senate to the demands of the Democratic Senators for modification of the Lodge reservations to the peace treaty will be submitted to-morrow to the group of Democratic Senators who are negotiating formally for a compromise with the Republicans. The second bipartisan conference for the formal discussion of a compromise also will take place to-morrow morning in the office of Senator Lodge.

Lodge Is Firm On Reservation To Article X

Clemenceau Out of Battle For Presidency

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Premier Withdraws in Favor of Poincare After He Loses to Deschanel in Caucus by 389 to 408

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PARIS, Jan. 16 (By The Associated Press).—Premier Georges Clemenceau went down to defeat at the hands of his countrymen to-day, in a caucus of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies to choose a candidate for the Presidency of the Republic. M. Clemenceau thereupon announced his withdrawal from the contest and asked his supporters to cast their votes for the reelection of President Poincare.

Deschanel Leads in Ballot

The caucus ballot, which was secret, resulted as follows: Paul Deschanel, President of the Chamber of Deputies, 398; Premier Clemenceau, 389; Charles C. M. Clemenceau, recently elected Senator, 4; Leon Bourgeois, 3; Marshall Foch, 1; President Poincare, 16.

M. Clemenceau's friends already are preparing for another campaign, as President Poincare is reported to have refused to accede to the demand of a deputation of Senators and Deputies that he be a candidate for reelection, warning them that if they disregard my withdrawal and attempt to force the issue, I will refuse the mandate so conferred."

Hard Boiled Conferees

The Democratic Administration Senators who participated in the formal conferences to-day criticized Senator Lodge for not appointing any "mild reservationists" as representatives to the bipartisan conference. Only one "mild reservationist," Senator Kellogg, is taking part in the discussions. The others, Senators Lenroot and New, have refused to compromise the principles of the Lodge reservations. One Administration Senator to-day said that Senator Lodge had appointed "hard bodied" conferees.

Irish File First Protest

The council of the league received the first formal protest to be presented to it almost before it came into being. The protest was from "the envoys of the elected government of the Irish Republic" against "the unreal English simulacrum of an international league of peace."

Committee Told of Raid

Accounts of financial ruin of American families in Mexico and of standing a plucky mercurial girl against a wealthy man, were high lights in the early testimony before the committee to-day. Miss Anita Whitley, modern language supervisor for the Texas Department of Education, told the committee that she had discovered an instance in which the Mayor or the District Attorney had dealt in traction stocks.

Girl Must Return Ring If Engagement Is Broken

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Token of Contract to Marry, Court Rules, Ordering It or Its Value Restored

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Indiana Ratifies Suffrage

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 16.—The Federal amendment for woman's suffrage was ratified by both Houses of the Indiana Legislature, meeting in special session here to-day. In the Senate the vote was 43 to 3, and in the House 90 to 0. Indiana is the twenty-sixth state to ratify the amendment.